

As the Republic of China, or as most Americans know it—Taiwan, celebrates its 99th anniversary, the people of Taiwan have much to be proud of. Taiwan is a modern democracy with a strong, advanced economy, and a proud culture.

But, like most any other country, Taiwan must remain vigilant in defending its 23 million citizens. Since passage of the Taiwan Relations Act in 1979, the United States has been an ally of Taiwan, helping it meet its defensive needs. Working in partnership, we can continue to meet the security challenges in East Asia to ensure peace and stability.

I therefore, urge all my colleagues to join me in congratulating Taiwan on its proud 99-year history.

#### FREEDOM TEMPLE OF ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA

#### HON. JOHN M. SPRATT, JR.

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. SPRATT. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the tenth anniversary of Freedom Temple Ministries in Rock Hill, South Carolina. The Church was founded on October 8, 2000, as a group of 38 people began "Preparing for the Promise" on the campus of Winthrop University. Freedom Temple Ministries now calls 215 Main Street in Rock Hill its home. The structure, called The Freedom Center, includes a sanctuary which seats 700, a gymnasium with a walking track, and 65 classrooms. Various youth and community outreach programs are housed here and the congregation looks forward to making the facility an intricate part of the Rock Hill community. Today, Pastor Herbert C. Crump, Jr. leads the congregation. Freedom Temple Ministries has made a significant impact on the spiritual wellbeing of its followers and will continue to serve God and country for years to come.

#### HONORING DR. VENKAT RAO

#### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. Venkat Rao. On Saturday, October 30th, the Genesee County Medical Society will honor its outgoing president, Dr. Venkat Rao, at their annual Presidents' Ball to be held in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Dr. Rao graduated from Guntar Medical School College and completed his residency and pulmonology fellowship in Chicago. After serving on the faculties of Loyola University School of Medicine and at the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Dr. Rao practiced medicine in Peoria, Illinois from 1986 to 1992. He relocated to the Flint area and now specializes in pulmonology-critical care and sleep medicine.

Active with the Genesee County Medical Society for many years, Dr. Rao is a member of the Board of Directors, represents Genesee and Shiawassee Counties on the Michigan State Medical Society Board of Directors, serves as a delegate to the Michigan State

Medical Society House of Delegates and has served on several American Medical Association committees. Deeply committed to enhancing the overall health of people, Dr. Rao works to end the morbidity triangle of obesity, diabetes and smoking.

Married to Dr. Rama Devi Rao, the couple has two children. Daughter, Hima, and son, Bharat, are both pursuing careers as physicians.

Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in applauding the work, dedication and enthusiasm of Dr. Venkat Rao as he steps down as president of the Genesee County Medical Society. I admire his commitment to improving the lives of physicians and his compassion for his patients. I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE BROADCOM MASTERS PROGRAM

#### HON. JOHN CAMPBELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. CAMPBELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Broadcom, one of the world's leading chip makers with headquarters in my congressional district, on their announcement of the Broadcom MASTERS (Math, Applied Science, Technology and Engineering for Rising Stars), a science fair program designed for students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

The Broadcom Foundation has partnered with the Society for Science and the Public, SSP, to sponsor and run science fairs, which will involve over 100,000 students from over 350 SSP science fairs around the nation.

Of all those participating, judges will nominate 7,500 contestants to compete and, from that group, they will select 300 semi-finalists. Once the semi-finalists compete, 30 students will be chosen for the finals, which will occur in Washington, DC, in the fall of 2011.

The winner will receive a \$25,000 scholarship from the Henry Samueli Foundation—Mr. Samueli is the founder of Broadcom.

I commend Broadcom for its efforts to provide this exciting opportunity for middle school students to showcase their interest in science, technology, engineering and math—what is commonly referred to as STEM education.

STEM education is an area in which the United States led the world for many years, but lately, has been consistently outperformed by several countries. This must not continue. America literally cannot afford to lag behind our competitors in math and science education. There are serious consequences for this failure and they impact the future of this country. We must be proactive in addressing the crisis of a shrinking next generation of American engineers, scientists, mathematicians, and chip makers, like those that propel a company such as Broadcom to success.

Programs like the Broadcom MASTERS will help to both ignite the imaginations of American students and show that math and science have fascinating applications in the real world.

Madam Speaker, I want to express my thanks to the Broadcom Foundation and the Society for Science and the Public for their continued good works, and I look forward to these exciting and inspiring science fairs.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE POINT BREEZE FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### HON. ANTHONY D. WEINER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 29, 2010*

Mr. WEINER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the Point Breeze Fire Department in honor of its centennial anniversary. The Point Breeze Fire Department has provided a hundred years of service to the beachside communities of Breezy Point, Roxbury, and Rockaway Point, which are located on the Rockaway Peninsula in Queens, New York, the most populous barrier island in the country.

The Point Breeze Fire Department was established in 1910 and is one of the ten remaining volunteer fire departments in the city of New York. The original department had an operating charter for fifteen years, and in 1976 the Point Breeze Volunteer Fire Department was officially incorporated and recognized as a fire department by Mayor Abraham Beam.

The first fire house was located on Hillcrest Walk near Point Breeze Avenue, facing the bay. It was a wooden structure built above the sand that contained two hose reels and a large, mounted CO<sub>2</sub> extinguisher, all of which had to be pulled manually by the members to a scene of a fire. In 1938 another firehouse was built at 32 Point Breeze Avenue. It would remain the department's headquarters until 1975. The current home of the Point Breeze Volunteer Fire Department, constructed that same year is a modern facility that facilitates the needs of an effective fire department.

The neighborhoods protected by the Point Breeze Fire Department are geographically challenging. The Breezy Point Cooperative is surrounded on two sides by the Atlantic Ocean and on one side by Jamaica Bay. The residential homes are mostly located in the sand and require four wheel drive vehicles to reach them.

The Point Breeze Fire Department has assisted in several marine rescue operations, including the rescue of stranded fisherman and over 300 passengers from a ship named *The Golden Venture* in 1993. The department bravely responded to the World Trade Center attacks on September 11, 2001 and continued to assist the FDNY and NYPD in its rescue efforts at Ground Zero. Only a few months later the department was one of the first companies at the scene of the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 in Belle Harbor.

Today Chief Martin J. Ingram and seventy-five members of the department are responsible for protecting and serving the Breezy Point community. The Point Breeze Fire Department responds to over 125 calls a year which are emergencies such as brush, car, and structure fires; car accidents; floods; storm-related accidents; downed power lines; boats in distress; and blackouts.

Point Breeze Fire Department and all of its members have faithfully served the many communities of the Rockaway peninsula. They have provided necessary services to an isolated part of New York City that rarely receives the attention it deserves. I am pleased to congratulate the department on the occasion of its centennial anniversary.